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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I have been following the litigation that has occurred because of the antitrust suit against Microsoft, and I have come to believe that this issue is digging deeper and deeper into the taxpayers' pockets. The suit has managed to halt delivery of the advanced technology to the market. The Justice Department and Microsoft have reached a settlement regarding the suit that is designed to be beneficial to both the IT industry and the consumer.

The settlement will end a state of uncertainty in the technology sector and promote consumer confidence. Microsoft has agreed to make all future versions of its Windows operating system to be compatible with non-Microsoft software. Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against any computer makers that may ship software that would compete with Windows.

This suit has contributed to the stagnant state of the technology field. Microsoft needs to be allowed to return to innovation, so it can do its part to help the nation move forward. I strongly urge you to finalize this suit so the country may focus on more pressing matters.

Sincerely,

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President

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